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# Bifractional Brownian motion with parameter $K \in(1,2)$ 

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#### Abstract

In this paper we introduce and study a self-similar Gaussian process that is the bifractional Brownian motion $B^{H, K}$ with parameters $H \in(0,1)$ and $K \in(1,2)$ such that $H K \in(0,1)$. A remarkable difference between the case $K \in(0,1)$ and our situation is that this process is a semimartingale when $2 H K=1$.


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## 1 Introduction

Houdré and Villa in [7] gave the first introduction to the bifractional Brownian motion (bifBm) $B^{H, K}=\left(B_{t}^{H, K} ; t \geq 0\right)$ with parameters $H \in(0,1)$ and $K \in(0,1]$ which is defined as a centered Gaussian process, with covariance function

$$
R^{H, K}(t, s)=E\left(B_{t}^{H, K} B_{s}^{H, K}\right)=\frac{1}{2^{K}}\left(\left(t^{2 H}+s^{2 H}\right)^{K}-|t-s|^{2 H K}\right) ; \quad s, t \geq 0 .
$$

The case $K=1$ corresponds to the fractional Brownian motion (fBm) with Hurst parameter $H$. Some properties of the bifractional Brownian motion have been studied by Russo and

Tudor in 12]. In fact, in 12] it is shown that the bifractional Brownian motion behaves as a fractional Brownian motion with Hurst parameter HK. A stochastic calculus with respect to this process has been recently developed by Kruk, Russo and Tudor 9 and Es-Sebaiy and Tudor [6].

In this paper we prove that, with $H \in(0,1)$ and $H K \in(0,1)$, the process $B^{H, K}$ can be extended for $1<K<2$. The case $H=\frac{1}{2}$ and $1<K<2$ plays a role to give an extension of sub-fractional Brownian motion (subfBm) (see [島). The subfBm $\left(\xi_{t}^{h}, t \geq 0\right)$ with parameter $0<h \leq 2$ is a centered Gaussian process with covariance:

$$
E\left(\xi_{t}^{h} \xi_{s}^{h}\right)=C_{h}\left(t^{2 h}+s^{2 h}-\frac{1}{2}\left((t+s)^{2 h}+|t-s|^{2 h}\right)\right) ; \quad s, t \geq 0
$$

where $C_{h}=1$ if $0<h<1$ and $C_{h}=2(1-h)$ if $1<h \leq 2$.

## 2 Definition of bifractional Brownian motion with parameter $K \in(1,2)$

For any $K \in(0,2)$, let $X^{K}=\left(X_{t}^{K}, t \geq 0\right)$ be a Gaussian process defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
X_{t}^{K}=\int_{0}^{\infty}\left(1-e^{-r t}\right) r^{-\frac{1+K}{2}} d W_{r}, \quad t \geq 0 \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\left(W_{t}, t \geq 0\right)$ is a standard Brownian motion.
This process was introduced in for $K \in(0,1)$ in order to obtain a decomposition of the bifractional Brownian motion with $H \in(0,1)$ and $K \in(0,1)$. More precisely, they prove the following result:

Theorem 1 (see [10]) Let $B^{H, K}$ a bifractional Brownian motion with parameters $H \in(0,1)$ and $K \in(0,1)$, $B^{H K}$ be a fractional Brownian motion with Hurst parameter $H K \in(0,1)$ and $W=\left\{W_{t}, t \geq 0\right\}$ a standard Brownian motion. Let $X^{K}$ be the process given by (2.1). If we suppose that $B^{H, K}$ and $W$ are independents, then the processes $\left\{Y_{t}=C_{1} X_{t^{2 H}}^{K}+B_{t}^{H, K}, t \geq 0\right\}$ and $\left\{C_{2} B_{t}^{H K}, t \geq 0\right\}$ have the same distribution, where $C_{1}=\sqrt{\frac{2^{-K} K}{\Gamma(1-K)}}$ and $C_{2}=2^{\frac{1-K}{2}}$.

The process defined in (2.1) has good properties. The following result is proved in [10] for the case $K \in(0,1)$ and extended to the case $K \in(1,2)$ in 22 and [11:
Proposition 1 (see [2], 10] and 11]) The process $X^{K}=\left\{X_{t}^{K}, t \geq 0\right\}$ is Gaussian, centered, and its covariance function is:

$$
\operatorname{Cov}\left(X_{t}^{K}, X_{s}^{K}\right)= \begin{cases}\frac{\Gamma(1-K)}{K}\left[t^{K}+s^{K}-(t+s)^{K}\right] & \text { if } K \in(0,1)  \tag{2.2}\\ \frac{\Gamma(2-K)}{K(K-1)}\left[(t+s)^{K}-t^{K}-s^{K}\right] & \text { if } K \in(1,2)\end{cases}
$$

Moreover, $X^{K}$ has a version with trajectories which are infinitely differentiable on $(0, \infty)$ and absolutely continuous on $[0, \infty)$.

Using the fact that when $K \in(1,2)$, the covariance function of $X^{K}$ is given by

$$
\operatorname{Cov}\left(X_{t}^{K}, X_{s}^{K}\right)=\frac{\Gamma(2-K)}{K(K-1)}\left((t+s)^{K}-t^{K}-s^{K}\right)
$$

and considering also the process

$$
\begin{equation*}
X_{t}^{H, K}=X_{t^{2 H}}^{K} ; t \geq 0 \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

we can prove the following result:
Theorem 2 Assume $H \in(0,1)$ and $K \in(1,2)$ with $H K \in(0,1)$. Let $B^{H K}$ be a fractional Brownian motion, and $W=\left\{W_{t}, t \geq 0\right\}$ a standard Brownian motion. Let $X^{K, H}$ the process defined in (2.3). If we suppose that $B^{H K}$ and $W$ are independents, then the processes

$$
\begin{equation*}
B_{t}^{H, K}=a B_{t}^{H K}+b X_{t}^{H, K} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $a=\sqrt{2^{1-K}}$ and $b=\sqrt{\frac{K(K-1)}{2^{K} \Gamma(2-K)}}$ is a centered Gaussian process with covariance function

$$
E\left(B_{t}^{H, K} B_{s}^{H, K}\right)=\frac{1}{2^{K}}\left(\left(t^{2 H}+s^{2 H}\right)^{K}-|t-s|^{2 H K}\right) ; \quad s, t \geq 0
$$

Proof: It is obvious that the process defined in (2.4) is a centered Gaussian process. On the other hand, its covariance functions is given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
E\left(B_{t}^{H, K} B_{s}^{H, K}\right) & =a^{2} E\left(B_{t}^{H K} B_{s}^{H K}\right)+b^{2} E\left(X_{t}^{H, K} X_{s}^{H, K}\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{2^{K}}\left(t^{2 H K}+s^{2 H K}-|t-s|^{2 H K}\right)+\frac{1}{2^{K}}\left(\left(t^{2 H}+s^{2 H}\right)^{K}-t^{2 H K}-s^{2 H K}\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{2^{K}}\left(\left(t^{2 H}+s^{2 H}\right)^{K}-|t-s|^{2 H K}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

which completes the proof.
Thus, the bifractional Brownian motion $B^{H, K}$ with parameters $H \in(0,1)$ and $K \in$ $(1,2)$ such that $H K \in(0,1)$ is well defined and it has a decomposition as a sum of a fBm $B^{H K}$ and an absolutely continuous process $X^{H, K}$.

Remark 1 Assume that $2 H K=1$. Russo and Tudor 1 proved that if $0<K<1$, the process $B^{H, K}$ is not a semimartingale. But in the case when $1<K<2, B^{H, K}$ is a semimartingale because we have a decomposition of this process as a sum of a Brownian motion $B^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and a finite variation process $X^{H, K}$.

The following decomposition is exploited to prove the quasi-helix property (in the sense of J.P. Kahane) of $B^{H, K}$. This result is satisfied for all $K \in(0,2)$.

Proposition 2 Let $H \in(0,1)$ and $K \in(0,2)$ such that $H K \in(0,1)$. Let $\left(\xi_{t}^{K / 2}, t \geq 0\right)$ be a sub-fractional Brownian motion with parameter $K / 2 \in(0,1)$, independent to $B^{H, K}$ and suppose that $\left(B_{t}^{K / 2}, t \geq 0\right)$ and $\left(B_{t}^{H K}, t \geq 0\right)$ are two independent fractional Brownian motions with Hurst parameter $K / 2 \in(0,1)$ and $H K \in(0,1)$, respectively. We set $\xi_{t}^{K, H}=\xi_{t^{2 H}}^{K / 2}$ and $\widetilde{B}_{t}^{H, K}=B_{t^{2 H}}^{K / 2}, t \geq 0$. Then, it holds that

$$
\begin{equation*}
B^{H, K}+\sqrt{2^{1-K}} \xi^{K, H} \stackrel{(d)}{=} \sqrt{2^{1-K}}\left(\widetilde{B}^{H, K}+B^{H K}\right) \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\stackrel{\text { d }}{=}$ denotes that both processes have the same distribution.

Proof: The result follows easily from the independence and the fact that their corresponding covariance functions satisfy the following equality for all $s, t \geq 0$

$$
\begin{aligned}
R^{H, K}(t, s) & =\frac{1}{2^{K}}\left(\left(t^{2 H}+s^{2 H}\right)^{K}-|t-s|^{2 H K}\right) \\
& =2^{1-K}\left(-\operatorname{Cov}\left(\xi_{t}^{K, H}, \xi_{s}^{K, H}\right)+\operatorname{Cov}\left(\widetilde{B}_{t}^{H, K}, \widetilde{B}_{s}^{H, K}\right)+\operatorname{Cov}\left(B_{t}^{H K}, B_{s}^{H K}\right)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Proposition 3 Let $H \in(0,1)$ and $K \in(1,2)$ such that $H K \in(0,1)$. Then for any $t, s \geq 0$, if $0<H \leq 1 / 2$

$$
2^{1-K}|t-s|^{2 H K} \leq E\left(B_{t}^{H, K}-B_{s}^{H, K}\right)^{2} \leq|t-s|^{2 H K}
$$

and if $1 / 2<H<1$

$$
2^{1-K}|t-s|^{2 H K} \leq E\left(B_{t}^{H, K}-B_{s}^{H, K}\right)^{2} \leq 2^{2-K}|t-s|^{2 H K}
$$

Proof: Using the proposition 2, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
& E\left(B_{t}^{H, K}-B_{s}^{H, K}\right)^{2} \\
= & 2^{1-K}\left(-E\left(\xi_{t^{2 H}}^{\frac{K}{2}}-\xi_{s^{2 H}}^{\frac{K}{2}}\right)^{2}+E\left(B_{t^{2 H}}^{\frac{K}{2}}-B_{s^{2 H}}^{\frac{K}{2}}\right)^{2}+E\left(B_{t}^{H K}-B_{s}^{H K}\right)^{2}\right) \\
= & 2^{1-K}\left(-E\left(\xi_{t^{2 H}}^{\frac{K}{2}}-\xi_{s^{2 H}}^{\frac{K}{2}}\right)^{2}+\left|t^{2 H}-s^{2 H}\right|^{K}+|t-s|^{2 H K}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

On the other hand, from [3] we have

$$
\left(2-2^{K-1}\right)\left|t^{2 H}-s^{2 H}\right|^{K} \leq E\left(\xi_{t^{2 H}}^{\frac{K}{2}}-\xi_{s^{2 H}}^{\frac{K}{2}}\right)^{2} \leq\left|t^{2 H}-s^{2 H}\right|^{K} .
$$

Thus
$2^{1-K}|t-s|^{2 H K} \leq E\left(B_{t}^{H, K}-B_{s}^{H, K}\right)^{2} \leq 2^{1-K}\left(|t-s|^{2 H K}+\left(2^{K-1}-1\right)\left|t^{2 H}-s^{2 H}\right|^{K}\right)$.
Then we deduce that for every $H \in(0,1), K \in(1,2)$ with $H K \in(0,1)$

$$
2^{1-K}|t-s|^{2 H K} \leq E\left(B_{t}^{H, K}-B_{s}^{H, K}\right)^{2}
$$

and the other hand for every $H \in\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right], K \in(1,2)$ we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
E\left(B_{t}^{H, K}-B_{s}^{H, K}\right)^{2} & \leq 2^{1-K}\left(|t-s|^{2 H K}+\left(2^{K-1}-1\right)\left|t^{2 H}-s^{2 H}\right|^{K}\right) \\
& \leq|t-s|^{2 H K}
\end{aligned}
$$

The last inequality is satisfied from the fact that $\left|t^{2 H}-s^{2 H}\right| \leq|t-s|^{2 H}$ for $H \in\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$.
To complete the proof, it remains to show that for every $H \in\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right), K \in(1,2)$ with $H K \in$ $(0,1)$ (observe that in this situation we have $H K \in\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$ )

$$
E\left(B_{t}^{H, K}-B_{s}^{H, K}\right)^{2} \leq 2^{2-K}|t-s|^{2 H K}
$$

Notice that,

$$
\begin{aligned}
E\left(B_{t}^{H, K}-B_{s}^{H, K}\right)^{2} & =\frac{1}{2^{K}}\left(\left(2 t^{2 H}\right)^{K}+\left(2 s^{2 H}\right)^{K}-2\left(\left(t^{2 H}+s^{2 H}\right)^{K}-|t-s|^{2 H K}\right)\right) \\
& =\frac{2}{2^{K}}|t-s|^{2 H K}+\left(t^{2 H K}+s^{2 H K}-\frac{2}{2^{K}}\left(t^{2 H}+s^{2 H}\right)^{K}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence it is enough to prove that

$$
t^{2 H K}+s^{2 H K}-\frac{2}{2^{K}}\left(t^{2 H}+s^{2 H}\right)^{K} \leq 2^{1-K}|t-s|^{2 H K},
$$

or equivalently

$$
t^{2 H K}+s^{2 H K} \leq 2^{1-K}\left(\left(t^{2 H}+s^{2 H}\right)^{K}+|t-s|^{2 H K}\right) .
$$

From now on we will assume, bethought loss of generality, that $s \leq t$. Dividing by $t^{2 H K}$ we obtain that we have to prove that

$$
1+\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2 H K} \leq 2^{1-K}\left(\left(1+\left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2 H}\right)^{K}+\left(1-\frac{s}{t}\right)^{2 H K}\right)
$$

Equivalently we have to prove that, for any $u \in(0,1]$ the function

$$
f(u):=2^{1-K}\left[\left(1+u^{2 H}\right)^{K}+(1-u)^{2 H K}\right]-u^{2 H K}-1
$$

is positive.
Observe that $f(1)=0$, so, it is enough to see that the derivative of this function is negative for $u \in(0,1]$. But,

$$
f^{\prime}(u)=2 H K 2^{1-K} u^{2 H K-1}\left[\left(1+\frac{1}{u^{2 H}}\right)^{K-1}-\left(\frac{1}{u}-1\right)^{2 H K-1}-2^{K-1}\right] .
$$

To prove that $f^{\prime}(u) \leq 0$ for $u \in(0,1]$ it is enough to see that the function

$$
h(u):=\left(1+\frac{1}{u^{2 H}}\right)^{K-1}-\left(\frac{1}{u}-1\right)^{2 H K-1}-2^{K-1}
$$

is negative for $u \in(0,1]$. But, since $h(1)=0$, it is enough to prove that its derivative $h^{\prime}(u) \geq 0$ for $u \in(0,1]$. But,

$$
h^{\prime}(u)=\frac{1}{u^{2 H K}}\left(-2(K-1) H\left(u^{2 H}+1\right)^{K-2} u^{2 H-1}+(1-u)^{2 H K-2}(2 H K-1)\right)
$$

Observe that $u^{2 H-1} \leq 1$ because $H \in\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right),\left(u^{2 H}+1\right)^{K-2} \leq 1$ and $(1-u)^{2 H K-2} \geq 1$. So,

$$
h^{\prime}(u) \geq \frac{1}{u^{2 H K}}(-2(K-1) H+2 H K-1)=\frac{1}{u^{2 H K}}(2 H-1) \geq 0
$$

because $H \geq \frac{1}{2}$. The prove is now complete.
Proposition 4 Suppose that $H \in(0,1), K \in(1,2)$ such that $H K \in(0,1)$. The bifBm $B^{H, K}$ has the following properties
i) $B^{H, K}$ is a self-similar process with index $H K$, i.e.

$$
\left(B_{a t}^{H, K}, t \geq 0\right) \stackrel{d}{=}\left(a^{H K} B_{t}^{H, K}, t \geq 0\right), \quad \text { for each } a>0
$$

ii) $B^{H, K}$ has the same long-range property of the $f B m B^{H K}$, i.e. $B^{H, K}$ has the shortmemory for $H K<\frac{1}{2}$ and it has long-memory for $H K>\frac{1}{2}$.
iii) $B^{H, K}$ has a $\frac{1}{H K}$-variation equals to $2^{\frac{1-K}{H K}} \lambda$ t with $\lambda=E\left(|N|^{\frac{1}{H K}}\right)$ and $N$ being a standard normal random variable, i.e.

$$
\sum_{j=1}^{n}\left(B_{t_{j}^{n}}^{H, K}-B_{t_{j-1}^{n}}^{H, K}\right)^{\frac{1}{H K}} \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\longrightarrow} 2^{\frac{1-K}{H K}} \lambda t \text { in } L^{1}(\Omega)
$$

where $0=t_{0}^{n}<\ldots<t_{n}^{n}=t$ denotes a partition of $[0, t]$.
iv) $B^{H, K}$ is not a semimartingale if $2 H K \neq 1$.

The proof of the proposition 4 is straightforward from [12] and [6].

## 3 Space of integrable functions with respect to bifractional Brownian motion

Let us consider $\mathcal{E}$ the set of simple functions on $[0, T]$. Generally, if $U:=\left(U_{t}, t \in[0, T]\right)$ is a continuous, centered Gaussian process, we denote by $\mathcal{H}_{U}$ the Hilbert space defined as the closure of $\mathcal{E}$ with respect to the scalar product

$$
\left\langle\mathbf{1}_{[0, t]}, \mathbf{1}_{[0, s]}\right\rangle_{\mathcal{H}}=E\left(U_{t} U_{s}\right) .
$$

In the case of the standard Brownian motion $W$, the space $\mathcal{H}_{W}$ is $L^{2}([0, T])$. On the other hand, for the fractional Brownian motion $B^{H}$, the space $\mathcal{H}_{B^{H}}$ is the set of restrictions to the space of test functions $\mathcal{D}((0, T))$ of the distributions of $W^{\frac{1}{2}-H, 2}(\mathbb{R})$ with support contained in $[0, T]$ (see (8). In the case $H \in\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ all the elements of the domain are functions, and the space $\mathcal{H}_{B^{H}}$ coincides with the fractional Sobolev space $I_{0^{+}}^{\frac{1}{2}-H}\left(L^{2}([0, T])\right)$ (see for instance [5]), but in the case $H \in\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$ this space contains distributions which are not given by any function.

As a direct consequence of Theorem 22 we have the following relation between $\mathcal{H}_{B^{H}}$, $\mathcal{H}_{B^{H, K}}$ and $\mathcal{H}_{X^{H, K}}$, where $B^{H, K}$ is the bifractional Brownian motion and $X^{H, K}$ is the process defined in (2.3).

Proposition 5 Let $H \in(0,1)$ and $K \in(1,2)$ with $H K \in(0,1)$. Then it holds that

$$
\mathcal{H}_{X^{H, K}} \cap \mathcal{H}_{B^{H K}}=\mathcal{H}_{B^{H, K}}
$$

If we consider the processes appearing in Proposition 2 we have also the following result:

Proposition 6 Let $H \in(0,1)$. For every $K \in(0,2)$ with $H K \in(0,1)$ the following equality holds

$$
\mathcal{H}_{\xi^{H, K}} \cap \mathcal{H}_{B^{H, K}}=\mathcal{H}_{\widetilde{B}^{H, K}} \cap \mathcal{H}_{B^{H K}} .
$$

Proof: Both propositions are a direct consequence of the two decompositions into the sum of two independent processes proved in Theorem 22 and Proposition 2.

Remark 2 For the case $K \in(0,1)$ we have the following equality (see 10])

$$
\mathcal{H}_{B^{H K}}=\mathcal{H}_{X^{H, K}} \cap \mathcal{H}_{B^{H, K}} .
$$

## 4 Weak convergence towards the bifractional Brownian motion

Another direct consequence of the decomposition for the bifractional Brownian motion with $H \in(0,1), K \in(1,2)$ and $H K \in(0,1)$ is the following result of convergence in law in the space $\mathcal{C}([0, T])$.

Recall that the fractional Brownian motion of Hurst parameter $H \in(0,1)$ admits an integral representation of the form (see for instance [1])

$$
B_{t}^{H}=\int_{0}^{t} K^{H}(t, s) d W_{s}
$$

where $W$ is a standard Brownian motion and the kernel $K^{H}$ is defined on the set $\{0<s<t\}$ and given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
K^{H}(t, s)=d_{H}(t-s)^{H-\frac{1}{2}}+d_{H}\left(\frac{1}{2}-H\right) \int_{s}^{t}(u-s)^{H-\frac{3}{2}}\left(1-\left(\frac{s}{u}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}-H}\right) d u \tag{4.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $d_{H}$ the following normalizing constant

$$
d_{H}=\left(\frac{2 H \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}-H\right)}{\Gamma\left(H+\frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma(2-2 H)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}
$$

Theorem 3 Let $H \in(0,1)$ and $K \in(1,2)$ with $H K \in(0,1)$. Consider $\theta \in(0, \pi) \cup(\pi, 2 \pi)$ such that if $H K \in\left(0, \frac{1}{4}\right]$ then $\theta$ satisfies that $\cos ((2 i+1) \theta) \neq 1$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $i \leq \frac{1}{4}\left[\frac{1}{H}\right]$. Set $a=\sqrt{2^{1-K}}$ and $b=\sqrt{\frac{K(K-1)}{2^{K} \Gamma(2-K)}}$. Define the processes,

$$
\begin{aligned}
B_{\epsilon}^{H K} & =\left\{\frac{2}{\epsilon} \int_{0}^{T} K^{H K}(t, s) \sin \left(\theta N_{\frac{2 s}{\epsilon^{2}}}\right) d s, \quad t \in[0, T]\right\} \\
X_{\epsilon}^{H, K} & =\left\{\frac{2}{\epsilon} \int_{0}^{\infty}\left(1-e^{-s t^{2 H}}\right) s^{-\frac{1+K}{2}} \cos \left(\theta N_{\frac{2 s}{\epsilon^{2}}}\right) d s, \quad t \in[0, T]\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $K^{H K}(t, s)$ is the kernel defined in (4.0). Then, $\left\{Y_{\epsilon}^{H}(t)=a B_{\epsilon}^{H K}(t)+b X_{\epsilon}^{H, K}(t), t \in\right.$ $[0, T]\}$ weakly converges in $\mathcal{C}([0, T])$ to a bifractional Brownian motion.

Proof: Applying Theorems 3.2 and 3.5 of (2] we know that, respectively, the processes $B_{\epsilon}^{H K}$ and $X_{\epsilon}^{H, K}$ converge in law in $\mathcal{C}([0, T])$ towards a $\mathrm{fBm} B^{H K}$ and to the process $X^{H, K}$. Moreover, applying Theorem 2.1 of [2], we know that the limit laws are independent. Hence, we are under the hypothesis of the decomposition obtained in Theorem 2, which proves the stated result.

Remark 3 Obviously we can also obtain the same result interchanging the roles of the sinus and the cosinus functions in the definition of the approximating processes.

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